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SUBJECT: THIRTIETH UNGA- ARGENTINA AND THE KOREAN QUESTION

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1. AMBASSADOR BENNETT DISCUSSED KOREAN QUESTION AGAIN WITH ARGENTINA'S PERMREP ORTIZ DE ROZAS AFTERNOON OCTOBER 23. ORTIZ DE ROZAS STOOD FIRM IN HIS CONTENTION THAT ARGENTINA SHOULD ABSTAIN ON ALL KOREAN VOTES IN FIRST COMMITTEE AND SUGGESTED ASEAN DRAFT OFFERED BEST POSSIBILITIES FOR THIS YEAR.

2. ORTIZ DE ROZAS, WHO CHAIRED LAST YEAR'S FIRST COMMITTEE DEBATE ON KOREA, ARGUED U.S. AND SPONSORS OF LAST YEAR'S SUCCESSFUL RESOLUTION ON KOREA HAD DONE NOTHING TO IMPLEMENT IT; HAD NOT MOVED IN INTERIM TO BRING QUESTION TO ATTENTION OF UN SECURITY COUNCIL (UNSC). BENNETT WENT THROUGH FULL LINE OF ARGUMENTATION TO COUNTER ORTIZ' CHARGE OF INACTIVITY. WHEN HE COMMENTED THAT SC HANDLING WOULD HAVE BEEN UNPRODUCTIVE GIVEN CHINA'S VIOLENT OPPOSITION TO UNSC CONSIDERATION OF KOREA, ORTIZ DE ROZAS REPLIED, BE THAT AS IT MAY, FOR
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DO SO WOULD HAVE BEEN AN EARNEST OF GOOD FAITH. ORTIZ DE ROZAS THEN EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR CONCEPT OF ASEAN DRAFT COMPROMISE RESOLUTION ON KOREA.

3. BENNETT UNDERLINED OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT ORTIZ' POSITION WOULD BE KEY TO ARGENTINA'S VORING DECISION ON KOREA. ORTIZ IN REPLY SAID HE WAS, OF COURSE, THE MAN IN THE BEST POSITION TO KNOW ALL THE FACTS IN THE ISSUE BUT INSISTED THAT THE DECISION WOULD BE TAKEN IN BUENOS AIRES.

4. WHEN BENNETT RE-EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACHED TO KOREAN ISSUE IN 30TH GA AND COMMENTED THAT VOTING ON KOREAN ISSUE WOULD BE CONSIDERED IN CONTEXT OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIPS, ORTIZ DE ROZAS TOOK ON AN AIR OF INCREDULITY AND ATTEMPTED TO MAKE LIGHT OF THIS IDEA. BENNETT STRESSED THAT HE WAS TALKING SERIOUSLY, THAT ACTIVITIES AT UN AND ELSEWHERE IN MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY WERE NOW BEING INCREASINGLY CONSIDERED IN CONNECTION WITH OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIPS AROUND THE WORLD AND COMMENTED THAT OTHER COUNTRIES SHOULD BEAR THIS IN MIND WHEN WE ASK FOR SUPPORT ON AN ISSUE OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO US AS IN THE KOREANS CASE. IT COULD ALSO AFFECT U.S. ATTITUDES WITH RESPECT TO CANDIDACIES OF OTHER COUNTRIES FOR UN POSTS.

5. COMMENT: ORTIZ DE ROZAS IS WIDELY CONSIDERED A DARK HORSE CANDIDATE FOR UN SECRETARY GENERAL TO SUCCEED WADLHEIM. HIS EVIDENT SUPPORT FOR ABSTENTION ACROSS THE BOARD ON KOREA IS NO DOUBT IN PART INFLUENCED BY HIS DESIRE TO AVOID ANTAGONIZING SUPPORTERS OF THE OTHER RESOLUTIONS WHO ARE QUICK TO TAKE REPRISALS ON THOSE WHO DO NOT DEMONSTRATE PROPER DEFERENCE TO THEIR POSITIONS. BENNETT

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